GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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Development of Eco-Tourism Circuit
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to develop eco-tourism circuit in selected regions of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of selected places in the State of Kerala and other parts of the country;
(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;
(d) whether the Government has received any funds for the development of eco-tourism from abroad; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme-Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits, in 2014-15. Eco Circuit has been identified as one of the thirteen thematic circuits for development under the scheme. The Ministry has sanctioned following projects to various State Governments under Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme including the State of Kerala:
<pre> (Rs. in Crore)
Sl. No. Name of the Project Amt. Sanctioned
1 Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand. 80.37
2 Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana. 91.62
3 Development of Pathanamthitta − Gavi − Vagamon − Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala. 99.22
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(d) & (e): No, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism has not received any funds for the development of eco-tourism from abroad.
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